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(b) Two employees of Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) are reported missing from 1992 in Madhya Pradesh. The action taken in the matter are as under:

- (1) One employee is reported missing since 26.02.1992. The Railway Police, Bhilai, Madhya Pradesh, who are investigating the case have indicated in their interim report dated 15.06.1999 that the whereabouts of the missing person are not known and further investigations are going on.
- (2) Another employee is reported missing from 30.12.1992. All dues except gratuity and pension have been settled in this case. Application forms for payment of gratuity and family pension are yet to be submitted by the family of the missing person.

(c) The final report is to be given by the Police Station concerned. In the first case, it will be possible to settle the dues on receipt of a final report from the Police Station. In the other case, family pension/gratuity can be sanctioned on receipt of duly completed application forms from the dependent family member concerned.

Atomic Power Plants in Ninth Plan

2674. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL:

SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to set up Atomic Power Plants during Ninth Plan;
- (b) whether there is also a proposal for the expansion of some of the existing Atomic Power Plants in the above plan period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Apart from Kaiga Atomic Power Project Unit-2 (220 MWe) in Karnataka and Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Unit-3 (220 MWe) in Rajasthan which have commenced commercial operation in March 2000 and June 2000 respectively and completing and commissioning the ongoing projects of a total capacity of 440 MWe comprising of the Kaiga Atomic Power Project Unit-1 and the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Unit-4, proposals for nuclear power development in the Ninth Five Year Plan include commencement of work on two units-3 and 4 of the Tarapur Atomic Power Project (TAPP) (2x500 MWe), Kaiga Units-3 and 4 (2x220 MWe), besides the commissioning of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the 2x1000 MWe Nuclear Power Station at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu with Russian assistance and the commencement of preliminary work on the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (1x500 MWe) towards the end of the Ninth Plan.

Functioning of Kaiga-2 Nuclear Power Station

2675. SHRIMATI GEETHA VANGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kaiga-2 Nuclear Power Station is functioning;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, its power generation capacity; and
- (d) how that power is being utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rated capacity of Kaiga-2 is 220 MWe. In addition, Kaiga-1 (220 MWe) has reached an advanced stage of commissioning which is expected to be made operational in 2000.